

REMARKS

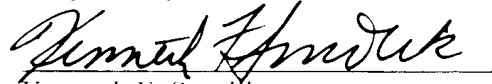
Claims 1-6, 12 and 13 were rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,313,745 (Suzuki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,756,986 (Gustafson). The Applicants are canceling claims 1-6, 12, and 13 without prejudice. Claims 7-11 and 14 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections having been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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